

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
July 20, 2009**

The Board of County Commissioners for Lewis County, Washington met in regular session on Monday, July 20, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. **COMMISSIONERS RON AVERILL, P.W. SCHULTE, and F. LEE GROSE** were in attendance. **Chairman Grose** determined a quorum, called the meeting to order and proceeded with the flag salute. **Commissioner Averill** moved to approve the minutes from the 10:00 a.m. meeting held on Monday, July 13, 2009. **Commissioner Schulte** seconded.

Motion Carried 3-0

<b>Public Comment</b>
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**Jack Tipping, Onalaska, WA**, discussed Lakewood's version of "E-verify". He would like the County to adopt a similar policy. This program identifies false social security numbers and helps with identity theft. He noted this is an administrative policy and would have no cost to the County. He asked the County to adopt this program.

**Bill Smith, Onalaska, WA**, is part of Act for America and is the leader in Lewis County. He stated this group would like to alert Americans to illegal terrorist that are across the borders. He stands behind Mr. Tipping's suggestion on E-verify.

**Robin Roy, Onalaska, WA**, supports E-verify also. She wants her taxes to employ legal taxpaying citizens.

Bob Johnson, Community Development and Ross McDowell, Emergency Management, spoke on Lewis County's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Management Plan (MJHP).

**Mr. Johnson** stated Lewis County is required to update this plan. A big part of that update is public outreach. Public meetings are scheduled and some have been held already.

**Mr. McDowell** stated this plan needs to be updated by February 2010. They have been holding stakeholders meetings and teams have been set up to work on the plan. Emil Pierson, City of Centralia is the contracted planner. He will be holding twelve public meetings in August.

The second stage is to identify and set goals for this plan. These will mirror the 2005 plan.

**Chairman Grose** asked if the plan was part of the Comprehensive Management Plan.

**Mr. McDowell** stated it was not. It is a stand alone plan. The plan needs to be in place in order to receive any money after a disaster.

**Chairman Grose** clarified if you were not part of the MJHP you cannot receive funding after a disaster.

**Mr. Johnson** stated the Flood Management Plan, that was adopted earlier this year, would be included in this plan.

**Commissioner Averill** stated the MJHP should include everyone in Lewis County. We are doing this countywide and you need to participate in the planning in order to be included. Unfortunately, only about a third of the people are showing up for the meetings.

**Mr. McDowell** stated he is making personal phone calls and is helping people with the necessary paperwork and this seems to be helping.

**Chairman Grose** asked if this is State mandated.

**Mr. Johnson** stated it is a Federal Program. He also noted that letters were sent out to all non-profits in Lewis County. Any group who may apply for funding after a disaster needs to be a part of this group.

**Commissioner Schulte** asked if it included non-profit and Taxing Districts.

**Chairman Grose** asked if you were part of a homeowners group and they did not participate in the plan would you be covered.

**Mr. McDowell** stated they would be if they had the proper insurance

<b>Notice</b>
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**Commissioner Schulte** made a motion to approve Notice Item one. **Commissioner Averill** seconded the motion. Karri Muir, Clerk of the Board, read the items into the record.

- 1. Notice of Hearing: Regarding the Mid-year 2009 Budget Amendment to Current expense and Various Funds. Hearing will be held on August 3, 2009, on or after 10:00 am. Resolution No.09-216**

**Item No. 1: Dawna Truman** stated this is the mid-year budget amendment and will be published in the East County Journal on July 22 and July 29, 2009. The amount of \$2,938,058 will be discussed in detail at the hearing.

Motion carried 3-0

**Commissioner Averill** made a motion to approve Consent Items two through ten. **Commissioner Schulte** seconded the motion. Karri Muir, Clerk of the Board, read the items into the record.

**2. Resolution No. 09-217      Approving Appendix D of the AFSCME Contract for Solid Waste.**

*Eileen Sherlock, Human Resources* stated the new appendix does not change the working conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The appendix clarifies:

- *Equipment conditions for the Solid Waste Technician*
- *Transfer station coverage procedures*
- *Scale attendant coverage procedures*
- *Tools and clothing*
- *Overtime and holiday language were clarified for better understanding*

**3. Resolution No. 09-218      Declaration of surplus property to Love Inc.**

*Mike Strozyk, Central Services* stated six computers and accessories will be transferred to Love Inc.

*Commissioner Averill* asked if the computers would be used locally.

*Mr. Strozyk* stated they would be.

**4. Resolution No. 09-219      Approving transfer of county road right of way within State Route 5 to the WA State Department of Transportation.**

*John Huestis, Public Works* stated this is a right of way project on Blakesey Junction to Grand Mound. The right of way will occur on Hobson Rd., which lies adjacent to I-5.

*A turn back agreement was entered into by the WA State DOT regarding this project. The County will quit claim the Hobson Rd right of way to the State. After completion of the project, the realigned Hobson Rd. right of way will be conveyed back to the County.*

*Chairman Grose* clarified that the State call this roadway State Route 5 and we call it I-5

*Mr. Huestis* stated he looked at the paperwork and WADOT does call this roadway SR 5.

**5. Resolution No. 09-220      Approving agreement with Gary and Mary Gustafson.**

*John Huestis, Public Works*, stated the County has struggled with Wold Road over the years because of flood damage. This agreement will purchase Gary and Mary Gustafson property, which lost access to it during a flood event. This agreement went before the BOCC because the County's appraisal and the private appraisal amounts were different. We arrived at an agreement and the BOCC has to approve of it. He also noted there are other parcels being worked on.

*Commissioner Averill* asked how many parcels are left.

**Mr. Huestis** stated there were about three or four more parcels and a few that property owners will not sell.

**Commissioner Averill** asked if once this process is over will the County turn around and sell the parcels.

**Mr. Huestis** stated we would declare the parcels as surplus and then sell them. There will be restrictions on the deeds and the properties will be land locked.

**Chairman Grose** asked if there were other parcels back in that area that could be sold also.

**Mr. Huestis** stated there were two large parcels and some smaller ones. These will be declared surplus also.

**Chairman Grose** stated he went back to these parcels to look at them. There are houses in the area filled with dirt and debris; it is not a good place to build.

**6. Resolution No. 09-221      Appointing a member to the South Lewis County Airport Board.**

**Bob Johnson, Community Development**, stated Chuck Snipes resigned from his position on the South County Airport Board. Christy Coplen has asked to fill his vacancy and the BOCC agreed to this appointment.

**7. Resolution No. 09-222      Accepting an agreement with the WA State Military Department for the 2009 FEMA Emergency Management Performance Grant.**

**Ross McDowell, Emergency Management**, stated the U.S. Department of Homeland Security provides Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) for Emergency Management Programs. The grant is for \$55,645.00, and it will be used to purchase equipment and training for first responders. Other items that may be funded are mapping systems, and help with costs for a second EOC location.

**Commissioner Averill** asked if this was a 2008 grant.

**Mr. McDowell** stated it was and there was an extension granted last year.

**Commissioner Averill** asked if we have to spend the money by 2010.

**Mr. McDowell** stated the money would be spent by May, 2010.

**8. Resolution No. 09-223      Approving expenditures from the abatement fund for further nuisance abatement work.**

**Commissioner Averill** stated this resolution approves the expenditure of a maximum of \$6,500 from the Abatement Fund for nuisance abatement work at 175 Blue Road in Centralia. During abatement of surface solid waste from the property additional solid waste was discovered buried on the property. This addition of funds provides for abatement of the buried waste. This is part of an ongoing effort to clean up properties in Lewis County.

**9. Resolution No. 09-224      Cancellation of Warrants.**

**Commissioner Averill** stated this resolution cancels fourteen Auditor Office Warrants for a total of \$2,563.79 and reissues two warrants for a total of \$472.68. Subject warrants were lost in the mail, duplicate payments, or stale.

**10. Resolution No. 09-225      Approving an extension of a Title III Contract with Family Forest Foundation.**

**Commissioner Averill** stated this resolution approves the extension of a USDA Secure Rural Schools Title III Contract between Lewis County and the Family Forest Foundation. This extends the period of the previously granted amount of \$51,000.00 through December 31, 2009. This will allow time for remaining funds to be spent on the project. The project is for implementation of a long-term stewardship management program on family forestlands throughout Lewis County.

Motion carried 3-0

<b>Hearing</b>
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**Hearing**

**Vacation of Bishop Road**

**Chairman Grose** announced the hearing and asked for a staff report

**Greg Snelson, Public Works** stated the hearing is regarding a vacation of a portion of Bishop Road. A letter received from Gail Shaw and C.A. (Buck) Hubbert asked for the vacation. He went over the dates regarding the vacation and then read the Engineer's Report into the record. He noted this is part of the Labree Road Project and all roads will be built to County standards. A turn back agreement will be made after the project is complete.

**Commissioner Averill** stated he thought the Labree Road Project was completed.

**Mr. Snelson** stated there is still some work to be completed.

**Commissioner Averill** asked why we are doing this ahead of time.

**Mr. Snelson** stated a turnaround is being constructed.

**Chairman Grose** asked if there were any more questions. There was none. He closed the question and answer portion of the hearing and opened the formal hearing.

**Mr. Snelson** asked that his previous comments be adopted into the record.

**Chairman Grose** asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak for or against the vacation of a portion of Bishop Road. There was no one. He closed the hearing and asked for a motion to approve the vacation.

**Commissioner Averill** made a motion to approve Vacation No. 09-001.

**Commissioner Schulte** seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0

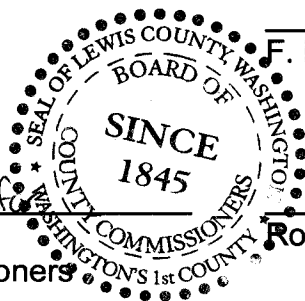
There being no further business, the Commissioners' public meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm on July 20, 2009. The next public meeting will be held Monday, July 27, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.

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ATTEST:

  
Candace Hallam  
Clerk of the Board  
Lewis County Commissioners



  
F. Lee Grose, Chairman

  
Ron Averill, Commissioner

  
P.W. Schulte, Commissioner